

(b) The number of cases disposed by these Fora during last three years, year-wise is as under:

Disposed of	2004	2005	2006 (Upto 30.09.2006)
District Fora	152	120	52

(c) The number of cases pending before the respective District Fora in the State is as under:

Name of the District Forum	Filing	Disposal	Pending
District Forum North Goa	3756	3315	441
District Forum South Goa	1478	1057	421

(d) The number of cases disposed by State Consumer Forum during the last three years is as under:

Disposed of	2004	2005	2006 (Upto 30-9-2006)
State Commission	132	127	28

The number of cases pending before the State Commission at present is as under:

(Upto 30.09.2006)			
	Filing	Disposal	Pending
State Commission	1748	1596	152

Wheat allocation to Orissa

1840. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa has asked for increasing the wheat quota for the State for distribution under the PDS system, as there is a heavy demand of wheat in the State;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) whether the relief asked for has been provided to the State Government and if not, the time-frame by which it would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A request was received from the Government of Orissa to increase the wheat allocation for the Above Poverty Line Category (APL) from 7793 tonnes to 24,000 tonnes per month. However, keeping in view the reduced stock of wheat in the Central Pool, the request of the State Government was not acceded to, as the allocation of wheat for Above Poverty Line (APL) category has been rationalized for all States/UTs, including the State of Orissa, on the basis of each State's average offtake for the last 3 years or the last year's offtake, whichever was lower. A 25% cut on this has been imposed in respect of rice consuming States and Delhi for APL category. However, there has been no change in the overall APL entitlements and the State Government/UTs can ask for allocation of rice in lieu of reduction of wheat allocation under APL. Notwithstanding this position, in the wake of improved stock position, the Central Government has made an additional allocation of 17,000 tonnes of APL wheat in four installments for the months of September, October, November and December, 2006 for Orissa.

Quality of goods under PDS

†1841. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new public distribution policy keeping in view the people living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure quality of goods which are to be distributed through Public Distribution System; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to initiate stringent action against such defaulting agents and to check adulteration of such items?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.